Foreign Assistance Sought by Gujarat Government for Sanitation

*49. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for foreign assistance to promote the upgradation of slum areas, rural and urban housing and for improving sanitation facilities in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have provided any foreign loan for the above proposal;

(d) if so, the quantum of loan provided to the State; and

(e) the criteria adopted for providing the loan to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) A project proposal for slum improvement in Baroda was received from the Government of Gujarat in November, 1992 for seeking external assistance. The proposal envisages integration of slums into the total city fabric to benefit the whole Baroda city with an integrated approach both specically as well as in terms of activities such as community development, income generation, education, health improvement, physical upgradation, environmental improvement, etc. The project was posed to the Overseas Development Administration (UK) upon which an exploratory team from UK visited the proposed project area in July, 1994 Based on the recommendations of the ODA team, a pilot project has been prepared by Baroda Municipal Corporation, which has since been posed to ODA on 29.11.1994.

In December, 1993, Government of Gujarat had sent the Gujarat Urban Sewerage Project, having the following components, for possible assistance from the Asian Development Bank:—

	(Rs. in crores)
(i) Ahmedabad Severage project	63.84
(ii) Vidodara Sewerage project	33.50
(iii) Rajkot Sewerage project	28.50
Total:	125.84

Preliminary discussions on this proposal were held with ADB Mission in December, 1993, but no formal communication has been received from ADB for taking up these projects. In the meantime, for seeking clearance from the various concerned agencies of the Central Government, State Government has been requested to send additional copies of the project proposal, which have not been received so far.

(c) to (e) Since the above mentioned two projects hav not been approved so far, the question of providing foreign loan to the State Government does not arise.

Newspaper eport Captioned Ministry Violates Panel Recommendation

*50. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a news-item captioned, Ministry violates panel recommendations' that appeared in the SUNDAY MAIL of October 2-8-1994 an English weekly published from New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Admission by special dispensation in Kendriya Vidyalayas are being